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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, an Amendment was filed under Article 34 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty prior to the International Preliminary Examination. Please note that the attached page, Claim 1, was filed with the European Patent Office on February 8, 2005.

Applicant respectfully requests submission of this page before examination of the application and before entry of the Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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New Claim 1:

1. A lubricant intended for solid surfaces and comprising a partially fluorinated compound of formula 1

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$$RF-(A)_{a}-(O)_{b}-(B)_{c}-(D)_{d}-(RF)_{e}$$
 (1)

where

RF is a perfluorinated radical of formula $F(CF_2)_{n-1}$,

n is a number from 1 to 20,

A is C₁-C₃₀, preferably C₁-C₁₈, alkylene.

B is arylene having 6 to 14 carbon atoms or is a saturated or unsaturated monocyclic or polycyclic hydrocarbon having 3 to 30, preferably 3 to 18 carbon atoms,

15 D is hydrogen, and a = 1, b = 0, c = 1, d = 1, and e = 0.